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| For: | DECODING SYSTEM AVAILABLE FOR COMPRESSED DATA STREAMS FOR CONCURRENTLY REPRODUCING STABLE PICTURES METHOD FOR DECODING COMPRESSED DATA STREAMS AND INFORMATION STORAGE MEDIUM FOR STORING PROGRAMMED INSTRUCTIONS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE METHOD | | Dated: | February 5, 2002 |



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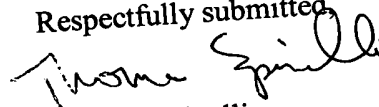

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3. Japanese laid-open patent application H9-205651, dated August 5, 1997;
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6. U.S. Patent No. 5,343,250, dated August 1994, issued to Iwamura;
7. U.S. Patent No. 5,339,321, dated August 1994, issued to Paek;
8. U.S. Patent No. 6,198,500, dated March 2001, issued to Watanabe et al.;
9. U.S. Patent No. 5,682,207, dated October 1997, issued to Takeda et al.;
10. U.S. Patent No. 5,206,714, dated April 1993, issued to Kim;
11. U.S. Patent No. 5,502,494, dated March 1996, issued to Auld.

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